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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Shingo Tanaka et al.	)	
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Application No. 10/671,804	)	Group Art Unit: 2446
	)	
Filed: September 29, 2003	)	Examiner: Farhad Ali
	)	
For: MASTER COMMUNICATION DEVICE,	)	Confirmation No. 9918
SLAVE COMMUNICATION DEVICE,	)	
COMMUNICATION CONTROL	)	
APPARATUS, COMMUNICATION	)	
SYSTEM, AND COMMUNICATION	)	
CONTROL PROGRAM	)	

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31**

Sir:

Applicants appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's decision mailed April 23, 2010.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ Applicants petition for a \_\_\_\_ month extension of time, based on the mailing date of the outstanding Office action. The petition fee of \$ \_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
2. ☐ Applicants have previously filed a Petition for extension of time extending the period for response to the outstanding Office action to \_\_\_\_.  
Applicants now petition for an additional extension of time to extend the period for response to \_\_\_\_\_. The petition fee of \$ \_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

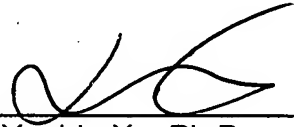
3. ☒ The Notice of Appeal Fee of \$540.00 is enclosed.
4. ☐ The Notice of Appeal Fee was previously paid in this application on \_\_\_\_\_, but the appeal was not completed. Accordingly, no Appeal Fee is due at this time.
5. ☒ A pre-appeal brief conference is requested. The request and supporting documentation are attached.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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